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- a second polarizing filter on which the light emitted from said first polarizing filter is incident and which has said first linear polarization plane for some color components and said second linear polarization plane for some other color components;
- a second light modulation layer on which the light emitted from said second polarizing filter is incident and which rotates a polarization plane of incident light by a predetermined angle in accordance with display data; and
- a third polarizing filter on which the light emitted from said second polarizing filter is incident and which has said first linear polarization plane for some color components and said second linear polarization plane for some other color components.
- 5. The display device according to claim 2, 3, or 4, in which said predetermined angle is 90°.
  - 6. The display device according to claim 4, in which
  - said second polarizing filter has a horizontal polarization plane for a blue component and a vertical polarization <sup>20</sup> plane for red and green components; and
  - said third polarizing filter has the horizontal polarization plane for a red component and the vertical polarization plane for blue and green components.
- 7. The display device according to claim 2, 3 or 4, in which said light modulation layer is a liquid crystal layer.

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- 8. The display device according to claim 2, 3 or 4, in which said light modulation layer is a Lead Lanthanum Zirconate Titanate layer.
- 9. The display device according to claim 2, 3 or 4, in which said light modulation layer is driven by means of active matrix drive using a switching device including a thin film transistor or a thin film diode.
- 10. The display device according to claim 2, 3 or 4, in which said light modulation layer is driven by means of simple active matrix drive.
  - 11. The display device according to claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, in which each of said light source elements comprises plural field emission cold cathodes.
- 12. The display device according to claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, which further comprises means for driving said light source and said light modulator in an interlocking manner.
- 13. The display device according to claim 12, in which said driving means comprises means for driving said light source and said light modulator for each of said light source elements.
- 14. The display device according to claim 12, in which said driving means comprises means for driving said light source and said light modulator for one row of said light source elements.

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